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Please replace text on page 1, lines 6-21 as follows:

The present invention is related to those disclosed in the following United States Patent Applications:

1. Serial No. 09/627,237, filed concurrently herewith, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PRECURSOR CANCELLATION OF INTERSYMBOL INTERFERENCE IN A RECEIVER" and issued as US Patent 6,912,250;
2. Serial No. 09/627,453, filed concurrently herewith, entitled "DUAL EQUALIZER FOR USE IN A RECEIVER AND METHOD OF OPERATION" and issued as US Patent 6,754,294; and
3. Serial No. 09/627,190, filed concurrently herewith, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OPTIMAL DISTRIBUTION OF SYMBOLS IN A FIXED SIZE DATA PACKET TO IMPROVE RECEIVER PERFORMANCE" and issued as US Patent 7,079,586.

The above applications are commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The disclosures of these related patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.